

Galatians 2:17-21

BIBLICAL PASSAGE

Galatians 2:20

MEMORY VERSE

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. **Galatians 2:20**

In Christ Alone

Does your teenager see the reality of the risen Christ in your life?

Read Galatians 2:17-21.

Jewish Christians agreed Jesus Christ was the Messiah, but a minority missed how Christ's work on the cross was the sole foundation of their faith. That minority were forcing Gentile believers to undergo circumcision as an additional condition for salvation. Paul wrote Galatians to reaffirm our justification by faith in Jesus Christ alone.

Clothed in the righteousness of Christ, we enjoy intimacy with God. Choosing to live a life of faith in Christ, we are invited on a lifelong journey of grace and freedom. Easy to accept, this truth is difficult to live out.

Does your teenager see God's love and grace in your life? Ask for his or her honest opinion. Use the discussion as an opportunity to connect with your teenager through the honest expression of your vulnerability.

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL TIME

Connect . . .

Obtain a copy of Caedmon's Call's song, "I Boast No More" (*In the Company of Angels: A Call to Worship*. Essential Records, 2002.). Listen to the song together.

Discuss: What, other than Christ, could a person look to for salvation? What does it mean to count "all things as lost for Jesus' sake"?

Explore . . .

Read Galatians 2:17-21.

Discuss: Are we comfortable with letting God love us as we stumble in our struggle to live by faith?

Read: This is a question that is often at the heart of our Christian faith. **Ask:** What obstacles may keep us from letting God love us right where we are (rather than where we think we should be)?

Transform . . .

Discuss: How can we live our lives as a grateful response to our salvation? What would our family look like if we were all trying to prove ourselves worthy? How would it be different if we were all trusting God's grace for our lives?